

his disposal. 5. All the powers of government are his. 6. All the money, the gold, the silver, the cattle on a thousand hills are his. The broad fields, the waters and the land are his for he has created them and he sustains them. 7. All the enterprises of men, the business, travel, commerce, these are the Lord's for they are the product of our Christian civilization of which Jesus is the author. 8. The power of the Spirit to convict of sin, the power over all enemies, demons and infidels, is the Lord's.

2. *To whom given.*—To whom is this Commission given? It is not given alone to the mighty, the great, the wise, the learned, it was originally given to eleven poor fishermen. For number they were eleven, for wealth they had poverty, for political influence, they were harmless and helpless as doves, for learning, they had the ignorance of peasants and fishermen. The little band of eleven has grown to an army of 400,000,000, with large wealth and wisdom and influence and learning. With these this world should be brought to Christ in a few years.

3. *What to do.*—1. The first word in the Commission is, Go. Who were to go? The eleven. Who yet? The five hundred. Who yet? The 1,000. Who yet? The 5,000. Who yet? The one million. Who yet? All who have professed his name, you and I—all. 2. Where to go. The field is the world. To Dayton, Washington, Chicago. America is part of the world. So is Asia, Africa, South America. 3. Where to begin. In our hearts, homes, neighborhood, village, township, country, state, nation, the world. 4. The work. Make disciples, baptize, teach. Go—preach—baptize—teach. 5. The promise. Lo, I am with you always. Why not go?

Helpful Illustrations

The resurrection of Christianity. The alleged resurrection of Christ was accompanied by the indisputable resurrection of Christianity. And how is the latter to be accounted for except by the former? The remarkable thing is that when the disciples resumed their faith in him they were found to be no longer pursuing worldly ends, but intensely spiritual ones; they were no longer expecting thrones, but persecution and death. Yet they addressed themselves to their new work with a breath of intelligence, an ardor of devotion, and a faith in results which they had never shown before. As Christ rose from the dead in a transfigured body so did Christianity. It had put off its carnality. If he be risen, then the whole of his miraculous life becomes credible, for this was the greatest of all the miracles.—*Stalker.*

The lesson of the resurrection. We are not to remain at the cross, gazing at it. We are not to remain at the tomb, weeping. We are not to go back to Palestine for a Christ, and seek the living among the dead. We are not to stand gazing up into heaven, wondering how or when he will come again. We are not to waste our time in idle disputations about the nature of his resurrection

body. We are to take the message of the Easter Day—Christ is risen. We are to find in it the evidence that he is indeed the Messiah, for whom the world has so long been waiting. We are to see in these two events—the crucifixion and the resurrection—the evidence of his love and of his power, and then we are to go forth to make disciples of all nations.—*The Outlook.*

The resurrection of Christ transfigured life. The rising of the natural sun into the heavens is an event little noted, which happens silently and unheralded. Yet this silent, unnoticed ascent of the sun into the firmament causes the earth to bud and blossom and bring forth harvests, gives life and vigor to fruits, flowers, plants, trees, and makes the earth habitable. The coming forth of Jesus from the tomb was an event seen by no human eye and reported only by a few women. But this silent, unnoticed appearance has transfigured human existence; it has illuminated the earth, it has banished sorrow and darkness, it has triumphed over death, and set all the ages to singing this hymn, "When thou hast overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers."—*E. B. Mason.*

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WASHINGTON CITY ECHOES

This is Decoration day and the whole city seems to have gone into the "flower business." Well, the custom of decorating the graves of friends and loved ones is a very beautiful one, but how much better it would be if we would bestow more of the flowers this side of the grave.

On every hand there are lives pining away in sadness—lives that we can make brighter and happier by speaking a few words of kindness and sympathy. None can appreciate

this more than the minister of the gospel. From the human side he meets with so many things that seem discouraging and often his efforts seem futile and vain, and then it is that "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver."

O, let us give out the kind words now, and not wait to say them after our friends have crossed the mystic river.

Last week we had the pleasure of attending the Maryland-Virginia conference at Hagerstown. The attendance was not so large but we had a good convention and we trust a profitable one. The brethren and sisters of Hagerstown made us all "feel at home." Nearly three hundred dollars were pledged to the Washington City church property. The list of names will be published soon. I am sure if each member throughout the brotherhood could only realize the true situation of the city mission with no church home, it would be an easy matter to have the necessary means in a short time to supply both Chicago and Washington. May the Lord impress his people to open their hearts to this great work.

I must now close. Pray for me. The Lord bless his people everywhere.

Your servant in the gospel,

W. M. LYON.

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Previously reported,	191.00
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W. M. LYON.

A Life Worth Living

He was old and poor, and lived in two rooms at the top of a tenement house. Yet when he was buried the other day, three thousand persons followed his coffin to the grave. The man's name was Levison. He was a Russian Jew, one of a family that boasted both famous and wealthy men. In the beginning it seemed within his power to rival their best achievements.

At ten years of age he was a proficient Hebrew scholar. Entering the Jewish ministry when only a youth, he speedily became noted as a preacher. At the age of twenty-two he wrote a religious book, which was translated into three languages. Until he was fifty he spent most of his time in travel or in writing other successful books. Then he came to this country, and putting his "career" behind him, entered devotedly upon new duties.

The accomplished scholar and delicately nurtured gentleman made his home in the New York "Ghetto". He earned his bread by literary work done at odd hours. He gave his time, his life to help the poor.

All the synagogues welcomed him when he would preach, but Rabbi Levison's work was done chiefly in the homes of his people. To